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NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

SUBJECT : Guidance to OMB on Response to Inquiry
from Senator Abourezk

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Chairman, Federal Mapping
Task Force from Chairman, COMIREX,
dated 26 June 1974

Request concurrence on the attached response to OMB.

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27 JUN 1974

Deputy Director for Intelligence

Date

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Legislative Counsel

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Dolph,

Attached is COMIREX's response to Willkie's request. In light of our earlier communications, I am routing this through you and

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26 June 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Emory E. Donelson
Chairman, Federal Mapping Task Force

SUBJECT : Response to Senator Abourezk

REFERENCE : Your memo dated 20 June 1974

1. In response to your request, the following has been prepared for your use in answering questions raised by Senator Abourezk regarding the acquisition of domestic coverage by defense satellites. Some aspects of the questions raised should be answered by others and were not directly addressed.

2. Senator Abourezk should be advised that information concerning defense satellites is classified. The information provided below can be transmitted to him at the SECRET level:

"The U.S. government conducts a classified photographic satellite program to provide essential intelligence on foreign countries and activities. In the course of this continuing program some U.S. domestic photography is acquired for engineering tests and calibration of the camera systems, to develop data tying maps of the U.S. to the world-wide geodetic base, and for such activities as photointerpreter training using U.S. military targets as analogs to foreign targets. Some of this photography also can be utilized to meet data needs of civilian agencies, and it is available for their use.

SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
OF E. O. 11652, AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT
TWO YEAR INTERVALS AND DECLASSIFIED ON
December 1980
(Insert date or event)

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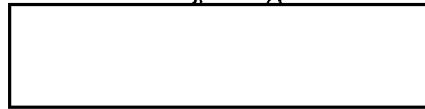
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A small amount of coverage is acquired from time to time by classified satellite systems directly in support of identified data needs of non-military government agencies for such purposes as civil mapping.

Over the past decade about 80 percent of the U.S. has been photographed by the classified photographic satellite programs. The incremental cost of this domestic coverage has been negligible. The primary collection priorities for the satellite systems are focused exclusively on the foreign intelligence objectives."



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Chairman

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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